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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99,360)

In re Application of: )  
Senthilnathan et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/430,267 ) Art Unit: 2661  
Filed: October 29, 1999 ) Examiner: Wilson, Robert W.  
For: Method and Apparatus for Selection ) Confirmation No.: 7015  
Of an Endpoint Device in a Point to )  
Point Link )

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks including an Appendix with marked up versions of the specification and claims to show changes made. Also, enclosed herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time from March 31, 2003 to April 30, 2003.

**AMENDMENTS**

**I. IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Paragraph beginning on page 2, line 7:

Connection oriented point-to-point communication links, such as a Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol (L2TP) tunnel, are an increasingly common feature of network infrastructures. Tunnels are prearranged connections established by agreement between internet service providers (ISPs).

*See Request for Comment (RFC) 2661 and Layer Two Tunneling Protocol (L2TP), A. Valencia, et al., draft-ietf-pppext-12p-16.text, June 1999, herein incorporated by reference, available from*